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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Submission accompanying a Request for Continuing Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

The above application is under final. Examiner graciously agreed to a telephonic interview with regard to the application on April 27 at 9:00 AM. In the interview, Applicants' attorney presented arguments substantially similar to the ones in this Submission, and Examiner indicated that he understood the arguments, but that the claims needed to be amended to better distinguish them from the Collberg *Software Watermarking* reference. Applicants have amended their independent claims 1, 18, and 21 to better distinguish them from Collberg *Software Watermarking* and have also amended certain of the dependent claims to bring them into conformity with the amended independent claims. As requested by Examiner, Applicants are further including an IDS for non-patent references cited in the *Description of related art* in the parent PCT application.

Please amend the claims as follows: